

DRINKING AND GAMBLING IN BRITAIN COSTS BILLION.

John Burns Tells Why British Workmen Suffer From Misery and Poverty.

London, Dec. 14.—Even if John Burns, M.P., is a member of the British cabinet, he possesses his cheerful optimism.

Mr. Burns uttered these aphorisms in a speech he delivered Friday.

"Every cent that is spent on alcohol in crime, pauperism and in the death rate."

"The faults of the working classes are the measure of their wants, the misery of their dwellings, the poverty of their times, tastes and ideals. Education fires them to nobler aims and higher ideals."

"The British have no industrial disability unless it is self-imposed. We spend \$200,000,000 a year on drink and \$200,000,000 on gambling, directly or indirectly."

"We have a hundred race meetings and a thousand golf links. Germany has not one."

"Workmen ask me to make a new heaven and a new earth for them. They only can make them for themselves by saving the \$10,000,000 lost in drink and gambling each week."

"Credul analysis of figures prove that men at forty are not too old for their best work."

IMMIGRATION AT COAST.

Present Methods to Be Reorganized To Meet Conditions.

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—Plans for a complete reorganization of the immigration service on the Pacific coast are now being considered by the Department of the Interior, and it is probable that within a few months sweeping changes will be made.

It is only recently that the tide of immigration has set strongly toward the coast of British Columbia and the service there has been gradually outgrown by the demands made upon it. While present methods were fairly efficient two or three years ago they are now wholly inadequate, and the service is unable to cope satisfactorily with its work largely because it is undermanned.

This state of affairs has been brought to the attention of the government largely through the enormous influx of Atlantic this year. It is realized that the need of reorganization is pressing and officials of the department are now engaged in working out schemes for submission to the minister, Hon. Frank Oliver.

Among the changes contemplated are a division of the work of the immigration agents at Victoria and Vancouver. At present the duties of immigration agent and medical examiner are performed by one man at these two ports. It is planned to appoint agents at both places, and the medical examiners will also be maintained. "It is understood that these changes were suggested by the present officials on the coast who are at present very much overworked in attending to the duties of both offices."

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

At the police court this evening, the case of *Holl vs. Sugerman*, a suit for wages withheld on account of the case leaving the employ, will come up for hearing.

The first sleighing of the winter was experienced in Edmonton today. A number of light cutters were out on the streets, but more snow is required to make the travelling good.

A meeting of the East End Ratepayers' Association will be held in Miller's Hall at eight o'clock this evening, when the advisability of dissolving the East End Association and forming an All-Edmonton Association will be discussed.

The third annual social and display of the 2nd company, Boy Scouts, will be held tomorrow evening at St. Paul's Church. The company—camp holders of the Edmonton battalion—are putting on several items of drill in addition to musical numbers, to be local talent. Refreshments will be served towards the close, to be followed by a lantern view of the summer camp.

M. Gravelle left yesterday for Avon, Ont., to be with his relations during the holidays.

Miss Lottie Love went home Saturday to be with her parents in Thornbury, Ont., for Christmas.

F. Butler left Sunday morning on the C. P. R. for London, Ont., to enjoy the holiday festivities with his friends.

W. Asquith, who left Saturday on the C. P. R. for the coast, will be in England on the Allan Line Corair.

CANADIAN NORTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY.

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Parliament of Canada at its next session for an act authorizing the construction of the following lines, from—

(a) Humboldt in Saskatchewan, south-westerly to Calgary.

(b) Headwaters of Peace River, south-westerly to Lethbridge, Alberta.

(c) North Battleford north-westerly to Athabasca Landing with a branch to Green Lake.

(d) Strathcona, Alberta, southerly to Calgary.

(e) Regina south-westerly to International boundary.

(f) Edmonton to head waters of McLeod and Brazeau Rivers.

(g) Russell, Manitoba, via Yorkton to authorized line near Goose Lake, Saskatchewan.

(h) South of Neepawa, Manitoba, to main line crossing of South Saskatchewan River.

And extending the time for commencement and completion of the following lines, from—

(a) North of the line between Winnipeg and St. Anne to International boundary.

(b) Between Port Arthur and Port Frances to Quilich, with branches to Port Arthur, Ottawa and Montreal.

(c) Battleford westerly to the Brazeau River.

(d) Regina to Humboldt and via Carleton Place to Fox Mountain, and between Humboldt and South Saskatchewan River to crossing of same river south of Prince Albert.

Also authorizing the increase of the

ONE MEAL A DAY.

Scores of Men in Toronto said to be Living on Short Rations.

Toronto, Dec. 15.—One does not like to speak of it too soon, but the time is coming when hungry men must have a place to get food. I think we must make provision to give meals, and we must not put it off too long."

So declared Mayor Coadworth to a number of members of the Associated Charities, who came to urge immediate action in providing for the hungry and over as large an area as possible.

"There are scores of men in this city who are living on one meal a day," said Mr. Burns. "And, as I said, we must make provision to give meals, and we must not put it off too long."

Father Muehlen gave a warning against professional mendicants, the greatest curse, while Rabbi Jacobs stated that care was being taken to show up overlapping by the establishment of a central bureau.

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Parliament of Canada, at the next session thereof, for an act to incorporate the Company under the name of "THE ALBERTA NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY."

The proposed line, to be constructed, equip, maintain, and operate a line or lines of railway by steam, electricity or other kind of motive power—

(a) From a point on the line of the Calgary and Edmonton Railway Company between Olds and Red Deer, thence north-westerly by the most feasible route along the valley of the Red Deer River and Clearwater River to a point on the North Saskatchewan River, thence easterly along the North Saskatchewan River to a point in Kootenay Plains in the Rocky Mountains, in the Province of Alberta.

(b) From a point on or near the North Saskatchewan River between Big Horn and Sheep River, thence in a North-westerly direction to Brazeau River, thence in a Northerly direction to And to acquire, construct, operate, maintain and dispose of hotels, clubs, locks, elevators and warehouses, and steamers and ferries for the purposes of navigation; to acquire and operate telegraph and telephone lines, mining rights and privileges, timber and timber lands, water powers and electrical works for the operation of the railway, and for other purposes; and to enter into any agreement with any railway company whose railway may connect in any way with the line of the company its branches; and the undertakings of the company should be declared to be for the general advantage of Canada.

McGUIVER, HAYDON & ORRIG, Solicitors for the Applicants. 19 Hilda Street, Ottawa.

Dated at Ottawa this 21st day of November A.D. 1927.

TO LATE TO CLASSIFY.

What Paper do the Edmonton People read? Ask the Newsboy.

Shiloh's Cure

Use Shiloh's Cure for the most cold, (chearhead cold)—try it on a guarantee of your money back if it doesn't actually CURE quicker than anything you ever tried. Sale to take—nothing is it to hurt even a baby. Success commends Shiloh's Cure—25c, 50c, \$1.00.

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Coughs and Colds QUICKLY

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A Christmas Box For Everybody

We will give to each customer buying goods in our store from the 9th to the 14th of December a discount of from 10% to 15% of all purchases. See hand bills. We have a complete stock of

Stoves, Granite Ware, Cutlery, Skates, Etc.

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SALE DEC. 16 TO 24

J. H. MORRIS & CO'S ANNUAL XMAS SALE

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Reckon with the future. Think for one minute of the money you can save during this sale. You know money is scarce, why not save some. Store open every evening until Christmas.

LADIES' FUR-LINED COATS FOR XMAS

Ladies' Fur-Lined Coats, first quality shell and good linings.

\$125.00 FUR-LINED COATS \$85.00

Stone martin collar, squirrel lock lined. Regular \$125.00.

XMAS SALE \$85.00

\$100 FUR-LINED COAT, MINK, \$79

Collar and revers, rat lined. Regular \$100.00.

XMAS SALE \$79.00

\$87.00 FUR-LINED COATS, \$73.00

Black shell, squirrel lock lining, nut sable collar and revers. Regular \$87.00.

XMAS SALE \$73.00

\$65.00 FUR-LINED COATS, \$50.00

Columbia sable collar and revers, lamp-ster lined. Regular \$65.00.

XMAS SALE 50.00

\$225 PERSIAN LAMB JACKET, \$170

First quality lamb, self collar and revers. Broadcast satin lined. Regular \$225.00.

XMAS SALE \$170.00

\$90.00 — RAT COATS — \$70.00

Extra dark skins (natural), made box style. Regular \$90.00.

XMAS SALE \$70.00

NEW PERSIAN COATS ON SALE \$75.00 NEW PERSIAN COATS, \$60

No. 1 quality new Persian Jackets, natural sable collar and revers. Regular \$75.

XMAS. SALE \$60.00

\$45.00 — FUR COATS — \$35.00

First quality Astrachan Jackets, well made, Columbia sable collar and revers. Regular \$45.00.

XMAS SALE \$35.00

LADIES' CLOTH COATS ON SALE

Ladies' Coats in broadcloths, beavers, and tweeds, all sizes, 32 to 44.

\$40.00 Cloth Coats, 27.50

25.00 " " **20.50**

20.00 " " **16.50**

17.50 " " **14.25**

15.00 " " **12.50**

12.00 " " **10.00**

10.00 " " **8.50**

6.50 " " **5.00**

1000 yds silk plaids and strips, reg. 75c XMAS SALE, 35c.

20 PER CENT. OFF all DRESS GOODS

Except Cashmere and Serges. Everything in Dress Goods will be placed on sale at 20 per cent. off. When we say everything, we mean it.

15 PER CENT. OFF ALL LADIES' WAISTS

Our entire stock of Ladies' Waists, which comprise silk, crepe de chine, lace, nett, cashmere, lustre and lawn, will be placed on sale at 15 per cent off.

15 PER CENT. OFF ALL SMALL FURS

The balance of our stock of small furs will be placed on sale at 15 per cent off.

DRESS SKIRTS ON SALE

including voile, panama, serge, poplin, venetian and tweed Skirts, will be placed on sale at following reductions:

\$5.00 Dress Skirts - \$3.25

8.00 " " **6.50**

10.00 " " **8.10**

12.00 " " **9.70**

15.00 " " **12.65**

18.00 " " **15.35**

20.00 " " **16.00**

15 PER CENT. OFF all Eiderdown Quilts; Prices from \$5 to \$25.

15 PER CENT. OFF All Silk Underskirts during this Sale.

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THIS WEEK

ends your chance to secure one of our three free scholarships. The New Year will be the best year yet if you learn Gregg Shorthand. If you get a business education it will mean a source of strength all along the way. You can get it free now. COUPONS—save the coupons! Get busy and keep your friends busy—this week. Now's the time.

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